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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION OF CHILDREN'S WRITERS

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1. SINCE MIKHALKOV ALREADY DEPARTED SOVIET UNION DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DEFINITIVE ANSWER TO REASONS FOR WISHING VISIT KANSAS CITY AND HARTFORD. UNION OF WRITERS PRESUMES REASON FOR VISIT TO KANSAS CITY IS TO SEE U. OF KANSAS.
2. GROUP INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN POETRY AND FICTION. HOWEVER, ALEXSEYEV ALSO AUTHOR OF HISTORY OF USSR FOR CHILDREN AND ACQUAINTANCE WITH SOME NON-FICTION ALSO APPROPRIATE.
3. UNION OF WRITERS PROMISES PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION ON ALEXSEYEV AND TAKMAKOVA FEBRUARY 27 WHICH WE WILL PROMPTLY CABLE TO YOU. ALEXSEYEV SPEAKS NO ENGLISH. TAKMAKOVA READS ENGLISH FLUENTLY AND SPEAKS IT AT ABOUT FOUR LEVEL.
4. FYI: DURING CALL BY PAO ON FEDORENKO, SECRETARY OF UNION OF WRITERS FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS, FEDORENKO POINTEDLY STRESSED THAT MIKHALKOV OCCUPIES HIGH LITERARY AND POLITICAL POSITIONS AND UNION HOPES THAT HE WILL BE RECEIVED WITH COMMENSURATE HONOR. EMBASSY BELIEVES ANYTHING LESS COULD

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CAUSE HARM TO OUR GOOD AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH

UNION, AS WELL AS VITIATE IMPACT OF VISIT.
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